



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 835

LCO No. 3040

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:
SEN. LEBEAU, 3rd Dist.

AN ACT CONCERNING OPEN COURTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 That the general statutes be amended to (1) authorize the public to
- 2 be admitted to the meetings of the judicial rules committee and annual
- 3 judicial convention, (2) require the criminal docket and conviction
- 4 records be put on the Internet, (3) provide for the disclosure of basic
- 5 information about dismissals, acquittals, suspended prosecutions and
- 6 cases referred to the pretrial diversionary programs, (4) require the
- 7 disclosure of financial affidavits in dissolution of marriage cases, (5)
- 8 establish a pilot program to allow broadcasting of criminal
- 9 proceedings in one judicial district, (6) affirm the public's right to take
- 10 notes in a courtroom, and (7) establish a committee of judges and
- 11 journalists to provide quick review of and possible redress when
- 12 access to court proceedings or records is denied.

Statement of Purpose:

To make the court system more accessible, accountable and transparent.